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SUBJ: LOS: SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH

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1. BOTH AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER TRAVELLING IN  
COUNTRY AND NOT IN DUBLIN DURING THIS PRE-EASTER HOLIDAY  
SEASON. DCM AND POL OFFICER DELIVERED COPY OF SPEECH AND COVERED  
TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL TO DEPUTY MFA SECRETARY MCDONOUGH,  
STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

2. MCDONOUGH SAID THAT THE GOI IS STILL DIGESTING SECRETARY'S  
SPEECH, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN EXTRAORDINARY SPEECH WITH  
PROPOSALS, IF ADOPTED, WHICH ARE UNPRECEDENTED IN HUMAN  
HISTORY. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY  
SPECIFIC COMMENTS BEFORE THE IRISH DELEGATION SENDS IN  
RECOMMENDATIONS, MCDONOUGH ASSURED US THAT THE IRISH WILL  
DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR LIMITED POWER TO ACHIEVE A TREATY  
THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE IRISH POSE ANY PROBLEMS  
ON ANY MAJOR ISSUE, THOUGH THEIR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL IS  
DOUBTFUL. THE IRISH ATTORNEY GENERAL, DECLAN COSTELLO, IS NOW  
IN NEW YORK HEADING THE DELEGATION, BUT NEITHER COSTELLO NOR  
THE REST OF THE DELEGATION ARE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. IF A  
FOLLOW-ON SESSION OCCURS AND FONMIN FITZGERALD FOLLOWS THE  
SECRETARY'S EXAMPLE THEN THE IRISH MIGHT BE HELPFUL  
IN BENDING VARIOUS LDC ELBOWS AS FITZGERALD IS A RATHER  
IMPRESSIVE CHARACTER IN ANY GATHERING. HE HAS TAKEN QUITE A  
PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AND PLAYING IRELAND'S ROLE  
OF A COUNTRY WITH A RECENT PAST OF GAINING  
INDEPENDENCE HE CAN MAKE POINTS WITH SELECTED LDC'S.  
WE APPRECIATE THE TIMELY AND LUCID REPORTING OF THIS  
CONFERENCE FROM THE USDEL AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE  
IRISH AS OPPORTUNITY OCCURS. CURLEY

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